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Classified By: POL/ECON Jim Wojtasiewicz, reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

(C) Pol/Econ Counselor delivered reftel demarche to Ambassador Bernard Tanoh Bouthoue, Director of the Office of United Nations and Specialized Institutions Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on December 5. We strongly urged Cote d'Ivoire not to attend the upcoming summit of the African Caribbean Pacific Group in Khartoum, because of Sudan's continued intransigence against the deployment of a UN peacekeeping force in Darfur. Bouthoue said he personally agreed with the United States that it would be wrong to participate in an international meeting hosted by a government involved in instigating violence against its own people. He was unsure of the Cote d'Ivoire government's plans, but he thought that at most they might be planning to send their ambassador from Tripoli. He promised to convey our points to others in the Ministry and seek to persuade them not to send anyone at all.

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